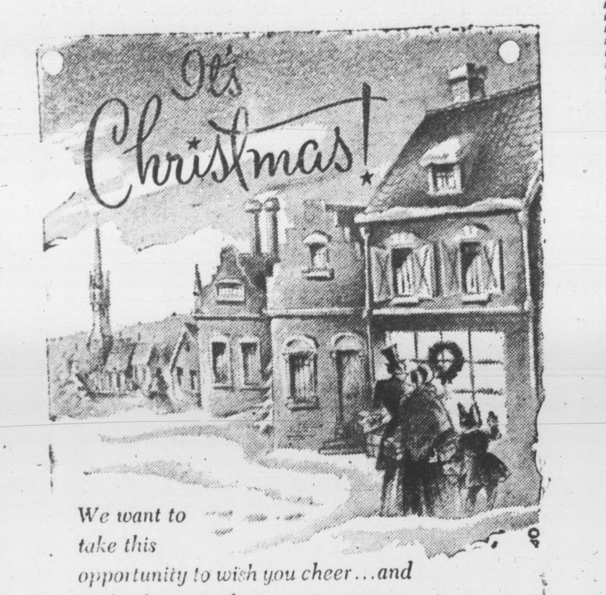

We want to take this opportunity to wish you cheer...and to thank you for letting us serve you.

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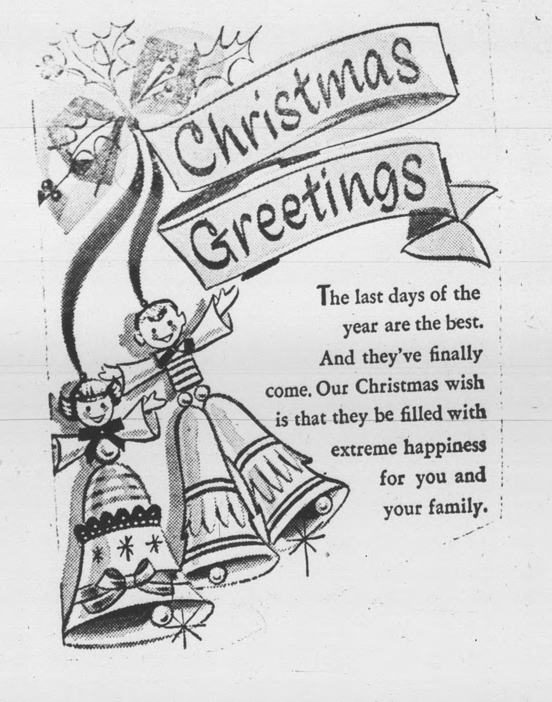
APPOMATTOX VIRGINIA



The last days of the year are the best. And they've finally come. Our Christmas wish is that they be filled with extreme happiness for you and your family.

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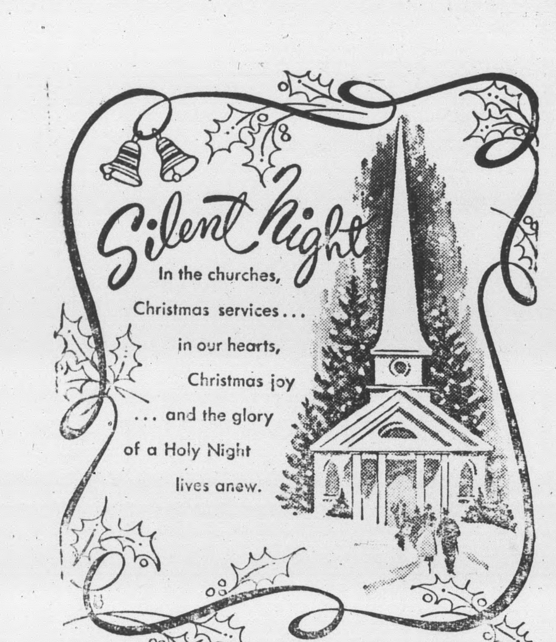

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Father Darkleaf

by c. h. r.

...ortest day of the year is ... and now in a few weeks ... begin to notice the days ... wee bit longer. And the ...bgs will start arriving. ... happened to the free ... Federal government used ...t?)

...merchants in Appomattox ... pleased about the volume ... holiday business.

... to work Monday, and did ... around to opening any ...ckages — all so very, very ...preciated — until Tues... First one I opened was ... container of "bubble bath." ... to try it out, and when ... out of the tub, felt so re... went to bed. And so, an...ght, I will open others of ...istmas gifts. (Why is it so ... not have patience! It is ... the folks who dash to an... telephone ere it begins ... who grab at mail, or who ...arn to take life in stride. ... of some homes where there ... a Christmas gift to un... on Christmas Day! As soon ... ones left their packages, ... at them, and Christmas ...ded up a blank — with ...and only the other kids com... see "what you got").

...blessed Mother taught me ... patient. She used to have me, ... small lad, tie my shoestrings ...possble knots, and then sit ... and untie them.

... it was a nice Christmas this ... many old friends back in ... Sorry it was saddened by ...ing of a number of old ... Each of us is a part of ...'s creation, and when one pass... into the after-world, there ... vacant chair at the table of ...

... yes: there was the news re... of the lady in Richmond who ...ssed 150 Christmas cards to ... friends and neighbors in ...mond. She gave the street ad... and the word: "City." Some ... came by and offered to mail ... for her. The friend got tied ... in traffic, and finally mailed the ... at her holiday destination, in ...nnah, Geoggia. All marked: ...y!" (I would guess that no... 'got nothin'!)

...ne of our New Year's Resolu...s: To seek more local sports ...erage in 1962.

...Under the heading: "Whatever ... There's a Week for it in ...62"— The Publisher's Auxiliary ...tions that once again those who ...cialize in Special Weeks have it ...d up. National Popcorn Week ... set for Oct. 24-31. National ...ble Week comes May 24-June 2. ...tional Hot Dog Week is set up ... July. The list bozles with ...odies. Large Economy Size Week ... January 8. Break-a-Cold ...nth begins New Year's Day. Na...nal Pimiento Week lasts ten ... this time. All of February is ... to National Sickroom Needs ...nth. Bachelor's Day is February ... March is Buttermilk and Cot...ge Cheese Month. National Smile ... is March 5, and goes on for ... weeks. Mother-in-Law Day is ... April. Honey for Breakfast ...k is April 22-28. May will have ...tional Ornamental Iron, and ...ional Affairs Month on its ... of special events. National Bow ... Week is set for June 17-23. ...tional Domestic Rabbit Week is ...eduled for June 15-21. National ... Cage Week will have to wait ... Nov. 18-24. Tentatively on ...endar is National "Save the ... Week" in October, and Old ... Day, June 4. And so it goes. ...ally, I think they overdo it. ...ears ago, an editor down in ... announced a National Cuss ... Editor Week. Right off came a ...saying that a Week was not ...enough: give us at least a ...

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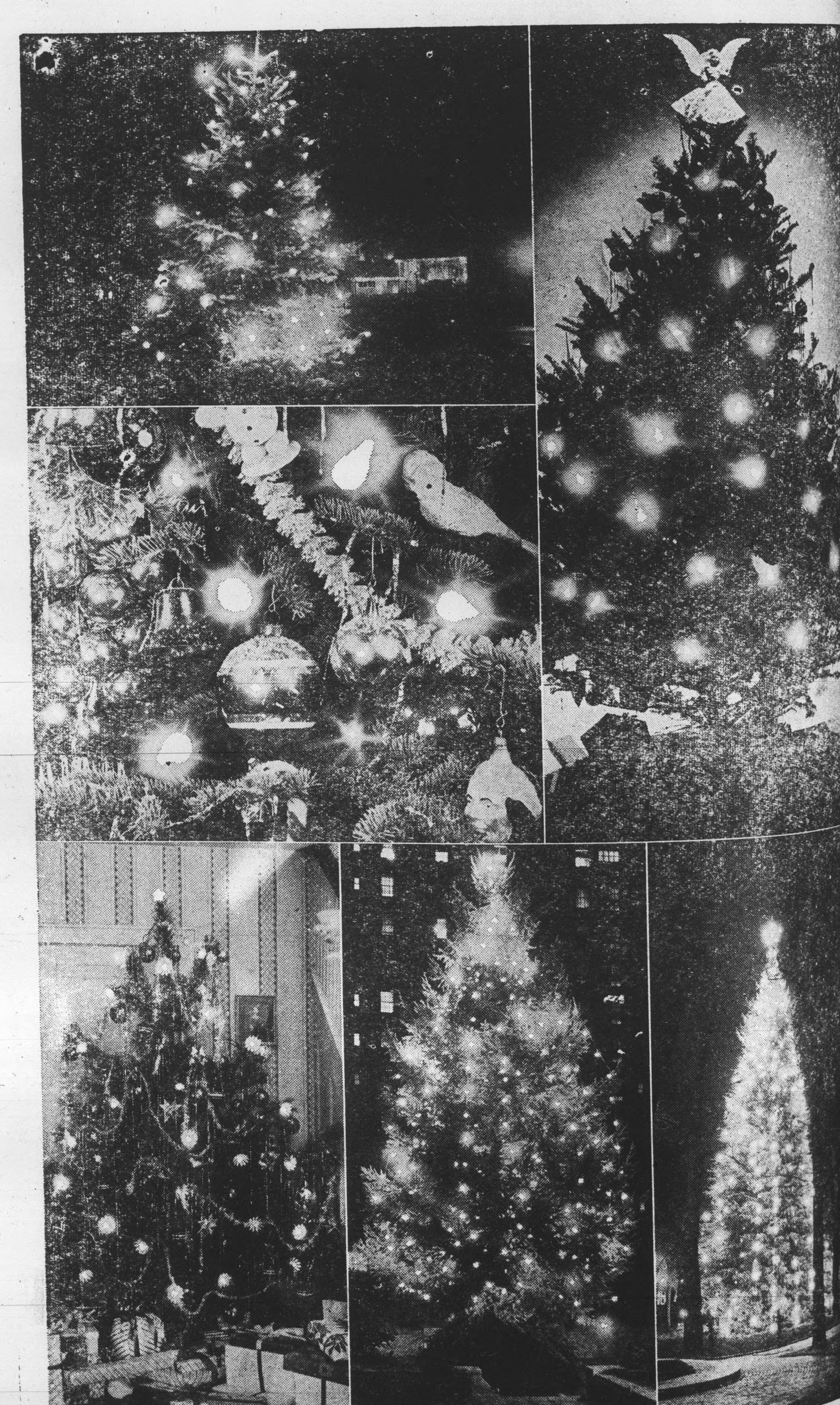

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Economic View Held Optimistic

The economic upturn which began in the first quarter of 1961 is picking up steam and packs enough momentum to make 1962 a prosperous business year, believe agricultural economists at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

In their annual look at what lies ahead, the economists say prices on most wholesale and consumer items are expected to stay relatively steady during 1962. However, steel prices still pose something of a question mark. If steel prices are raised to any significant degree, prices of numerous other commodities which use steel could be affected.

Much of the pessimism which prevailed in business and in policy-making circles in late 1960 and in early 1961 has faded into the background. Actually, the economists say the pendulum seems to have swung hard in the opposite direction.

However, the economists do see some weak spots in both the domestic and international economic picture. Domestically, unemployment is still vexing — currently running at about 6.8 per cent. The situation is expected to improve some as business activity continues to pick up. However, working-age young and married women comprise an important segment of the problem. Both groups have many unskilled and inexperienced workers. It will be hard to find jobs for them.

The economists also note that during most of 1961, consumers have been a little balky, and retail trade has not picked up quite as fast as expected. This uneasiness on the part of consumers is expected to fade as signs of the business upturn become more evident to the general public. Borrowing costs are going up. It costs more to borrow now than in the spring of 1961 and will cost still more in 1962.

Internationally, dollar problems still remain. The basic reason is simple the United States continues to spend, invest, and give away abroad more than it earns abroad.

The economists say the United States must now be particularly mindful of the effects that both its domesic and foreign policies may have on the value of the dollar. Domestically, this means that deficit financing must either be avoided or minimized and inflation held in check. The federal government is expected to run a deficit of about -7,800,000,000 for 1961. Assurances have been given to foreign governments that the federal budget will be in balance for the year to start July 1, 1962.

On the international scene, the economists say renewed effort must be made in expanding of export trade, and foreign aid must be carefully scrutinized por potential reductions. The United States, even with its vast resources(cannot indefinitely carry the financial burdens of much of the world.

ADAM C. CLEMENT

Adam Clarke (Buck) Clement, 64, director of the Lynchburg area, Division of War Veterans Claims since 1946, died at 4:18 P. M. Friday in Virginia Baptist Hospital, after a four month illness. He lived at 1701 Morrison Dr., Lynchburg.

Born in Appomattox County, he was the son of Allen Holcombe and Lena Bledsoe Clement. He was a member of Fort Hill Methodist Church.

A veteran of World War 1, he had been active in American Legion work for many years. He was a member of the national Executive Committee of the American Legion in 1954-55.

He was Commander of Post Sixth District, a member of the Forty and Eight and at the time of his death was a memebr and service officer of American Legion Post 16. He also belonged to the Rustburg American Legion Post.

At the close of World War II, he was appointed by the Secretary of Labor as a volunteer veterans re-employment rights committeeman with the Bureau of Veterans Reemploymen Rights, under the Selective Service Act of 1948.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Josephine Proffitt Clement; two sisters, Mrs. Pauline C. Craig, of San Francisco, and Mrs. Clifton W. Potts, of Orange.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 P. M. Sunday, from Diuguid Memorial Chapel, in Lynchburg. Burial was in Fort Hill Memorial Park, with military honors.

Roland F. Ferguson

APPOMATTOX - Roland F. Ferguson, 82, retired farmer, died at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at his home here. Born in Appomattox County, he was the son of C. C. and Sidney Ferguson. He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Rosa Baker Ferguson; six half brothers, Lee Ferguson, Wade Ferguson, Evans Ferguson, Hopkins Ferguson and Hallie Ferguson, all of Appomattox and Dewey Ferguson of Lynchburg. five half-sisters, Mrs. C. C. Wooten, Mrs. W. B. McCormick and Mrs. C. R. McFadden, all of Appomattox, Mrs. H. C. Almond of Spout Spring and Mrs. B. F. Martin of Lynchburg.

Also surviving him are two step sons, Clarence N. Smith and Otis B. Smith of Lynchburg; one step-daughter, Mrs. Jack Smith of Lynchburg; 10 step-grandchildren and even step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted today at 2:30 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery.

Family Ties Are Stronger Here

(Special to The Times-Virginian)

New York,- In Appomattox County, marriage is a more permanent institution than it is in most sections of the United Sates.

Local residents, once they get married, tend to stay that way. So the statistics indicate.

Data gathered by the Census Bureau last year shows that the ratio of divorced men and women in the local population is below average.

It has not increased the way it has done nationally, where the ratio has more than doubled in the past ten years.

The importance of an -examination of our divorce rate was brought out last month at the 50th anniversary meeting here of the Family Service Association of America.

The association called family breakdown the number one social problem in the United States. At the present time, it pointed out, there is one divorce for every four new marriages. And, along with it, we now have a delinquency rate that is triple what it was in 1940.

In Appomattox County, the Census Bureau figures reveal, 27 out of every 1,000 people over the age of 14 are divorced or separated. This does not include those who remarried after having been divorced.

The rate compares favorably with that of the rest of the United States, where it amounts to 43 per 1,000. In the South Atlantic States it is 48 per 1,000.

The actual count shows, for Appomattox County, a total of 33 divorced women and 52 divorced men.

In addition, the Census Bureau lists 51 women and 40 men who are separated from their spouses legally or otherwise, because of marital discord.

"Behind these statistics," states the Family Service Association, "are not only individuals, but whole groups of people __families..which are blighted."

Decorations Winners Are Announced

Mrs. Helen B. Shouse President, Appomattox Garden Club, has announced the following winners in the Christmas Decoration Contest sponsored by the club:

Overall effect: - First, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gills; Second - Mr. & Mrs. W. H. (Boots) LeGrand; Third - Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Sears. Honorable mention went to Mr. & Mrs. Lewis McDearmon, Mrs. Ruth Wheeler and Miss Mary Anne Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Burke Guill and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Robinson.

Traditional Doorway - First - Mrs. H. Y. Spencer, Second Mr. & Mrs. Ivey Holland, Third - Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. (Ned) LeGrand Honorable mention went to Mrs. Hazel Mann and Mr. & Mrs. C. D. Hill.

In the Contemporary Doorway class, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Coleman won first, Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Burke, Second, and Mrs. Harriet Cunningham third. Honorable mention went to Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Martin.

In the Window class, First - Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Gordan, Second, Dr. & Mrs. S. R. Lawson, and third Mr. & Mrs. Ben Marshall.

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Pulliam & Herbie won first on their Lawn Scene. Mr. & Mrs. Grover Smith won second in this group, and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. (Bobby) Mitchell, third.

Mrs. Charles T. Moses, Jr., Chairman of this garden club project, entertained the judges in her home following the judging on Saturday evening, Dec. 23.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Jan. 2 Lee Club will meet at 1:30 P. M. with Mrs. Abbott Coleman.

Wednesday, Jan. 3 Glendale will meet at 1 P. M. with Mrs. Howard Nash.

Thursday, January 4 Rocks Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Kate Dinkins.

Mrs. Robert W. Morris

Mrs. Hallie Ann Torrence Morris 84, widow of Robert Walter Morris, died Thursday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Richard Webb of Route 3, Appomattox.

A native of Appomattox County, she was a daughter of Alfred E. and Mary Agnes Coleman Torrence, and a member of New Hope Baptist Church and its Woman's Missionary Union.

Besides Mrs. Webb, she is survived by four other daughters, Mrs. R. A. Hamilton, Jr. and Mrs. L. F. Day, both of Lynchburg, Mrs. H. E. Robertson of Lovingston, and Mrs. J. D. Jennings of Cambria; three sons, W. D. and R. Harold Morris of Appomattox and J. Earl Morris of Lynchburg; two brothers, Ira Torrence of Lynchburg and Jesse L. Torrence of Appomattox; a sister, Mrs. Sarah Agee of Farmville; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at New Hope Baptist Church by the Rev. Marvin Jacobs, the Rev. Omar Burnette and the Rev. John P. Leitner. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Walker Webb, H. A. Torrence, Elliott Torrence, Wallace Torrence, Charles Torrence, Kermit Woodson, Irving Bingham and Howard Gilbert.

VERA S. C. A.

The regular monthly meeting of the Vera S. C. A. was held Dec. 20. The meeting was called to order by the president, Allen Webb. Shirley Harris had the devotion After the minutes were read and the roll was called, there was a program. Christmas songs were sung.

The next meeting will be held January 26.

—Reporter: Rosiland Reynolds

U. S. issues 15 rules on fall-out shelter ads.

Red China denounces Nehru over border.

Family Income In Appomattox Above Average

AND THE SNOW CAME!

A heavy snowfall was underway early today in Appomattox, but it subsided, and the forecast was for flurries, sleet, rain, and a little of everything the weather man had in his catalog, but nothing too serious. That is, unless you figured that "careful driving" was in order.

Elon Church Will Have New Year Service

New Year's Eve will be observed in Elon Baptist Church, Pamplin next Sunday from nine - thirty until midnight, the pastor, Rev. John Leslie Hart, announces.

The watch-night and rededication service will begin at eleven-thirty, with special music by the choir and a New Year's Meditation by the minister.

This will follow the regular meeting of the Training Union at nine-thirty, and a social and fellowship hour from ten-thirty until eleven-thirty. During this preiod the church will give recognition to its students who are at home from school.

All residents of the community are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart are keeping Open House for the congregation on New Year's afternoon and evening.

A.E.S. MENU

January 2nd. Cream of tomato soup with crackers, 1-2 Grill cheese sandwich, potato chips, apple sauce with cookie, 1-2 pint milk.

January 3rd. Hamburger on bun with dressing, Sucotash, Mixed greens, Chocolate pudding, 1-2 pint milk.

January 4th. Hot dog on roll with dressing, Cole slaw, Black eye peas Fruit jello, 1-2 pint milk.

January 5th. Chili-Con-Carne with hot yeast bread, String beans, Hot boiled potatoes with butter, Cherry Roll, 1-2 pint milk.

Robert S. Franklin

Robert Sterling Franklin, 66, died Saturday night at his home on Route 2, Appomattox.

Mr. Franklin was a member and deacon of Hollywood Baptist Church and a lifelong resident of the county.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Mattie Carwile Franklin; three sons, Straton H. Franklin, of Richmond, Raymond Franklin and Dillard Franklin of Appomattox; a daughter, Mrs. Sam McFall of Lynchburg, three brothers, Ernest Franklin of Lynchburg, Fred Franklin of Evergreen and J. G. Franklin of Appomattox; four sisters, Mrs. Lucy Goin and Mrs. Lloyd Mowyer of Lynchburg, Mrs. Theodore Kestner of Appomattox and Mrs. O. D. Taylor of Evergreen, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hollywood Baptist Church by the Rev. W. H. Elder. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Robert Franklin, Lloyd Franklin, Roger Franklin, Dick Franklin, Berkley Brown, James Goin, Earl Goin and Wilson Gowin.

300,000 Communist spies reported world peril.

Armour and Co. earnings fell for fiscal 1961.

Queen Elizabeth home after African tour.

Play safe — drive carefully.

(Special to The Times-Virginian)

New York, Dec. 26.- Just how much has business improved in Appomattox County in the past fiscal year? What gains have been made in disposable income and in retail sales?

The first detailed report for the period, prepared and released by the Standard Rate and Data Service, has just been made available. It shows for every section of the country, what people earned, and what they spent in the 12 months ending July 1, 1961.

In Appomattox County, it appears, solid progress was made in the year. The volume of business accounted for by local retail merchants came to $6,830,000, topping the previous $6,686,000.

The gain, which amounted to 2.2 per cent, compares well with the results in the rest of the United States, where there was a 1.4 per cent gain. In the South Atlantic States, there was a 1.9 per cent rise.

The increase in consumer activity gave a lift to the economy as a whole, although it did not benefit every kind of business to the same degree. The consumer spent his money more selectively than he had in the past. Such was the pattern in most parts of the country.

The explanation given is that the change in spending attitude is due to rising incomes, which have reached the point where a smaller percen.age of the paycheck is needed for the basic necessities.

Much of the excess is being used to satisfy pent-up desires: for hi-fi sets, for boats, for travel, for second cars and for services and equipment of all types.

The report shows that Appomattox County residents had a net spendable income of $9,019,000 in the year, after deducting for personal taxes. It was $8,810,000 in the prior year.

It represented $3,727 in disposable income, on the average, per local household.

In most parts of the nation, the business indicators are again moving upward. They point to an upsurge in activity, at least for the immediate future.

Chief reliance is being put on the consumer, who is showing renewed confidenc eand is beginning to spend more freely.

Pamplin Lists Winners In Decorations

Miss Flora Belle Williams won first prize, Mrs. Leslie N. Ligon the second, and Mrs. C. S. Ranson the third prize for Christmas decorations of their homes in Pamplin. Members of the Home Demonstration Club, sponsors of the contest, were pleased at the number of the homes decorated. The whole community had a festive air. It is hoped that next year there will be an even wider participation.

In the Piney Ridge area, the home of the Clarence Webber family, with its Santa and gay lights, was a bright spot for passers-by.

THIRD GRADE 4-H CLUB

Mrs. Thelma Martin's third grade 4-H Club met on Dec. 14, at 10 o'clock. The president, Ginger order. After a short business meet- Hamilton, called the meeting to ing, Mr. Jim Smith talked to the club about 4-H Club projects.

The officers of the club are:
President, Ginger Hamilton
Vice-pres., Paul Hanley
Secretary, Lynn Doss
Reporter, Everette F. Hendricks
Song leaders: Rose Motley and Don Conner.

U. S. sugar needs expected to decline.

Australian lacross team to tour U. S. in 1962.